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Michael Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket #03-11.

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in support of and to encourage your speedy review and approval of Qwest's application to the Federal Communications Commission to offer long distance services in Oregon. The Dallas Oregon Chamber of Commerce serves area businesses and the community to help keep Dallas a place where business can prosper and families can live, work and play.

As users of long distance, local services, the internet and cellular phone services we see value in the option of being able to buy all of these services from one vendor--whether that company is Qwest or not. With true competition in long distance services, we believe the costs for all services will decrease and that we will see a continued increase in service quality.

Since your approval last month, nine other states in the west are benefiting from Qwest's ability to provide long distance services and we don't want Oregon to be left behind. Approval of Qwest's long distance application in Oregon is an important step toward more local competition, the delivery of better service, and lower prices.

We encourage your timely review and support of the application that was filed January 15th, and let the true competition begin.

Sincerely,

  
Richard M. Wolcott

Manager/Director - Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce

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cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary to the FCC